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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated **September 12, 2002**. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 and 21-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 24-39.

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."